

1521-1523 Central Avenue (Commercial Building)
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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Ohio	COUNTY Hamilton	TOWN OR VICINITY Cincinnati
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 1521-1523 Central Avenue (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. OH-703
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 1521-1523 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45214		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1890-1895	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The four-story commercial/residential structure is located at the corner of Central Avenue and John Street. It is part of a cohesive cluster of other commercial/residential structures which are representative of the Central Avenue streetscape. The area was once a thriving neighborhood business district.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) High Victorian Gothic decorative elements		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone foundation, brick walls of stretcher bond, slate and shingle roof		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Bracketed cornice with decorative frieze. Stone belt courses delineate each floor. Additional stone banding beneath second, third, and fourth story windows. Three pilasters divide the facade vertically. Decorative window hoods in a six bay (2-1-1-2) configuration on second, third, and fourth floors. Ground floor cast iron storefront with decorative detailing on posts.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) No interior features of note.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Storefronts have been altered.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Good condition; vacant		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Personal observation Hamilton County Courthouse		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Lauren Blank, Historic Conservation Office, City Planning Commission		DATE March 18, 1982